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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement that a statement of the substance of an interview be placed in the record, Applicant hereby submits the following.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges newly-assigned Examiner Patel for taking time from his busy schedule to call Applicants' representative on October 7, 2005, to report that he was now the Examiner of record and that independent claims 1, 11, and 17 were considered allowable. He requested that Applicants consider making changes to claims 22, 29, and 30 to parallel the language of the final two limitations of independent claim 1, in order that all claims now be allowable, since he considered that these three independent claims had "problems." Applicants' representative thanked the Examiner for this input and agreed to review the Application and contact the Examiner before Friday, October 14, 2005.

Upon review of these claims, Applicants' representative could not determine what "problems" might possibly be present and became concerned about the inexplicable

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narrowing of independent claims without having adequate rationale on the record, since such narrowing would likely be construed in the future as a concession by Applicants that the prior art of record at least suggests such changes are necessary.

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Therefore, on October 11, 2005, Applicants' representative called Examiner Patel and requested that the Examiner proceed with a formal rejection in which the perceived problems be made of record and could be properly considered by Applicants, a request to which the Examiner agreed.

10/11/02

Date

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